

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 11 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

In the Office Action Summary, the Examiner states that claims 1-4 are rejected and that claims 8-11 are allowed. The Office Action does not contain any rejection of claim 4, and at page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 4 and 8-11 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants believe the Examiner intended to include claim 4 in the allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the Abstract of JP 04-016597 and the Abstract of JP 2002-284599.

Applicants note that the Examiner refers to the Abstracts of these documents. Applicants point out that applicants submitted English-language computer translations of each of these documents with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 30, 2006.

In view of the Examiner's indication that claims 4 and 8-11 contain allowable subject matter, applicants have cancelled claims 1-3 and have amended claims 4 and 8-10 to place them in independent form. In amended claims 4 and 8-10, applicants have amended the claims to place them in better form.

In view of the above, applicants submit that this rejection is moot and request its withdrawal.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

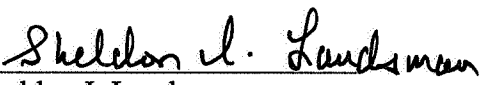
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